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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: INDONESIAN FERTILIZER EXPANSION PROGRAM

1. MIGAS DIRECTOR OIL AND GAS WIJARSO CONFIRMED
REFTEL REPORT THAT GOI WILL PROCEED WITH FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR KALIMANTAN II, JATIBARANG, AND ACEH AMMONIA/UREA COMPLEXES. ASSUMING FEASIBILITY PROVES OUT, 1978 IS TARGET FOR ON STREAM PRODUCTION. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT ALL THREE FERTILIZER COMPLEXES WILL BE CONVENTIONAL DESIGN (I.E. NOT RPT NOT FLOATING A LA KALIMANTAN I) WITH CAPACITIES APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS
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PUSRI III, I.E. 1000 TPD AMMONIA.

2. AS SUSPECTED, WIJARSO DENIED REFTEL REPORTED RUMOR THAT JATIBARANG WOULD BE FOR EXPORT. THUS, JATIBARANG WILL DEFINITELY BE A MAJOR SUPPLIER FOR PRIMARY JAVA MARKET.

3. MORE SURPRISINGLY, WIJARSO ALSO SAID THAT PUSRI IV IS BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE FOR TIME BEING THIS COMMENT CONTRADICTS EXPLICIT STATEMENTS BY THE RESPONSIBLE PUSRI AND DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES OFFICIALS ONLY FEW DAYS BEFORE. FURTHERMORE, A FEW HOURS AFTER WIJARSO CONVERSATION P.T. PUSRI'S U.N. MARKETING ADVISOR ONSLOT REPEATED TO EMBOFF REFTEL REPORT THAT PUSRI HAS GO AHEAD FROM PRESIDENT SOEHARTO FOR PUSRI IV FEASIBILITY STUDY. ONSLOT ADDED THAT P.T. PUSRI IS PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION THAT FEASIBILITY STUDY APPROVAL IMPLIES CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL IF STUDY SHOWS PROJECT IS VIABLE.

4. ONSLOT ALSO INFORMED US THAT PUSRI IS HAVING THREE 7000 TON FAST SELF DISCHARGE BULK CARRIERS CONSTRUCTED WHICH ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE

SHALLOW MUSI OIVER. AFTER STUDYING MARKET, PUSRI'S MARINE CONSULTANT CONCLUDED THAT THESE VESSELS WILL ENABLEHSUSRI NOT ONLY SUPPLY BULK STORAGE DEPOTS THROUGHOUT INDONESIA BUT ALSO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY IN SDE. ASIA MARKET AGAINST PLANTS EMPLOYING LARGER CONVENTIONAL VESSELS. THUS ONSLOT ARGUES THAT THE NEED TO EXPORT PART OF PUSRI IV OUTPUT WILL NOT RPT NOT UNDERMINE P.T. PUSRI'S COMPETITIVE POSITION.
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